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## I CLAIM:

7. An apparatus for producing compost tea comprising:

a tank of aqueous solution;

an extraction basket positioned over the tank to permit flow-through from this basket to be collected into the tank;

a fluid conduit having a first end submerged at the bottom end of the tank, and a second end positioned over the extraction basket; and

a compressed air supply operatively connected to the bottom portion of the conduit to force the aqueous solution up through the conduit.

- 8. An apparatus of Claim 7 wherein the compressed air supply further comprises a throttle means.
  - 9. A method for producing compost tea comprising: placing compost in an extraction basket;

positioning the extraction basket over a tank to permit flow through from the basket into the tank;

introducing an aqueous solution into the tank;
positioning a fluid conduit having first and second ends, the fluid conduit having a
first end submerged at the bottom of the tank, and a second end positioned to impinge
on the compost in the extraction basket; and

- supplying compressed air to the bottom portion of the conduit to force aqueous solution up through the conduit and into the extraction basket.
  - 10. A method of Claim 9 further comprising adding nutrient to the aqueous solution.
    - 11. A method of Claim 10 wherein the nutrient comprises sugar.

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